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**FORMER SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SHERIFF BAXTER DUNN**  
**ORDERED BACK TO PRISON ON PROBATION VIOLATION**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that T. BAXTER DUNN, 61, of Stockton, California, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. to an additional 30 days in prison for violating the terms of his supervised release in connection with a DUI conviction he sustained in San Joaquin County. DUNN was ordered to surrender to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to commence his sentence on August 11, 2008. Under federal law, he will be required to serve the full 30 days in custody.

On November 29, 2007, DUNN was arrested in Manteca for driving under the influence of alcohol after he rear-ended a truck, resulting in minor injury to the truck driver. On February 4, 2008, he entered a no-contest plea to that charge in San Joaquin County Superior Court and was sentenced to three years of probation with conditions, 15 days in custody with an alternative work program in lieu of jail with two days actually served, and fines totaling \$2,323. His violation of state law constituted a violation of the condition of his federal supervision that he not commit another federal, state, or local crime. DUNN previously served six months in prison, paid fines of over \$40,000, and was serving a three-year period of release following his federal conviction in 2005 for honest services mail fraud in a public corruption case. Prior to his federal conviction, DUNN had been the elected County Sheriff of San Joaquin County.

In the sentencing hearing today, Assistant United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner, who prosecuted the case, joined the probation officer in recommending 30 days in prison. He noted that while DUNN's performance on supervised release had otherwise been exemplary, the accident could have caused greater harm had DUNN struck a vehicle rather than a truck. In sentencing DUNN, Judge England stated that he took into account that DUNN otherwise had a good record of compliance while on supervised release, and that DUNN had made no excuses for his conduct. He also stated, however, that he was disappointed that DUNN's conduct had brought him back before the Court. Following release from prison, DUNN will continue on federal supervision until December 2008

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